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REQUEST FOR FILING A CONTINUING PATENT APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.53(b)(1)

Case No.	ANTICIPATED CLASSIFICATION OF THIS APPLICATION		PRIOR APPLICATION EXAMINER	ART UNIT
9281/4665	CLASS N/A	SUBCLASS N/A	Ernesto Garcia	3679

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Commissioner for Patents
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This is a request for filing a ☐ continuation ☒ divisional application under 37 CFR § 1.53(b)(1), of pending prior application number 10/114,161, filed on April 2, 2002, entitled FITTING STRUCTURE FOR KNOBS.

- ☒ Copy Of the Prior application, including 5 sheets of drawings, 33 pages of Application (including title page), and the following Appendices _____.
- ☒ Copy of the Declaration filed in the Prior application.
- ☐ PTO Form 1449 and Information Disclosure Statement.


CLAIMS	(1) FOR	(2) NUMBER FILED	(3) NUMBER EXTRA	(4) RATE	(5) CALCULATIONS
	TOTAL CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(c))	11 - 20 =	0	x \$ 18 =	\$0
	INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(b))	1 - 3 =	0	x \$ 84 =	\$0
	MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS (if applicable) (37 CFR 1.16(d))			+ \$280 =	\$ 0.00
				BASIC FEE (37 CFR 1.16(a))	\$ 750
				Total of above Calculations =	\$
	Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity (Note 37 CFR 1.9, 1.27, 1.28)				\$
				TOTAL =	\$750

- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27
☐ is enclosed.
☐ was filed in prior application number _____ and such status is still proper and desired (37 CFR 1.28(a)).
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☒ Enclosed is a check for \$ 750 to cover the filing fees.
- ☐ Cancel in this application original claims _____ of the prior application and otherwise enter the attached preliminary amendment before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes).
- ☒ The inventor(s) of the invention being claimed in this application is(are): Hiroshi Ushimaru.
- ☐ This application is being filed by less than all the inventors named in the prior application. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2), the Commissioner is requested to delete the name(s) of the following person or persons who are not inventors of the invention being claimed in this application: _____.
- ☐ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: "This application is a ☐ continuation ☐ division of application number _____, filed _____, (pending), which is hereby incorporated by reference herein."

11. ☐ New formal drawings are enclosed.
12. ☒ Priority of foreign application number 2001-107318, filed on April 5, 2001 in Japan and foreign application number 2001-107319, filed on April 5, 2001 in Japan is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119.
- ☒ The certified copy has been filed in prior application no. 10/114,161 on April 2, 2002 is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119
13. ☒ A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
14. ☒ The prior application is assigned of record to ALPS ELECTRIC CO., LTD.
15. ☐ Also enclosed: _____.
16. ☒ The power of attorney in the prior application is to: Gustavo Siller, Jr. and other attorneys at the firm of BRINKS HOFER GILSON & LIONE.
- a. ☒ The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.
- b. ☐ Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.
- c. ☒ Address all future correspondence to: (may only be completed by applicant, or attorney or agent of record.)

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- ☐ Inventor(s)
- ☐ Assignee of complete interest
- ☒ Attorney or agent of record
- ☐ Filed under 37 CFR 1.34(a)
- Registration Number if acting under 37 CFR 1.34(a): _____.